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KAMPALA FOR A/S SHATTUCK DELEGATION

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SUBJECT: BURUNDI PRESIDENT RELATES RPF CONTACT TO

- A/S SHATTUCK

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: BURUNDI'S INTERIM PRESIDENT TOLD VISITING A/S SHATTUCK THAT HE HAD STRESSED TO RPF MEMBER PASTEUR BZIMUNGU THAT THE KILLINGS IN RWANDA WOULD NOT STOP WITHOUT THE AID OF AN INTERNATIONAL

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FORCE. PRESIDENT A.I. NTIBANTUNGANYA ADDED THAT HE TOLD BZIMUNGU HE FOUND A CONTRADICTION IN THE RPF NEGOTIATING POSITIONS VIS-A-VIS THE INTERIM GOR -- ON SERIOUS MATTERS LIKE RWANDA, ONE RARELY GETS TO CHOOSE AN EASY NEGOTIATING PARTNER. NTIBANTUNGANYA'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE RPF ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE PRESENCE WAS MORE EMPHATIC THAN PRIME MINISTER KANYENKIKO'S, AND COULD HAVE HELPED PUSH THE RPF TO A USEFUL RECONSIDERATION OF ITS CURRENT VIEWS. END SUMMARY.

3. DURING HIS MEETING TODAY (SEPTTEL) WITH VISITING A/S SHATTUCK AND HIS DELEGATION, INTERIM PRESIDENT SYLVESTRE NTIBANTUNGANYA RELATED HIS CONVERSATION WITH RPF MEMBER PASTEUR BZIMUNGU WHO WAS IN BUJUMBURA OVER THE PAST 24 HOURS. NTIBANTUNGANYA'S ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSATION CAME AT THE END OF A DISSERTATION ON THE HISTORY OF THE RECIPROCAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INFLUENCES WHICH OBTAIN BETWEEN BURUNDI AND RWANDA. NTIBANTUNGANYA SAID HE TOLD  
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BZIMUNGU THAT THE MASSACRES IN RWANDA WOULD NOT STOP WITHOUT THE AID OF AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE; HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE RPF WAS OPPOSING. THE INTERIM PRESIDENT STATED HE ALSO POINTED OUT TO BZIMUNGU A CONTRADICTION IN THE RPF POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS -- THAT THEY WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH CRIMINALS. NTIBANTUNGANYA SAID HE NOTED THAT IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON SERIOUS MATTERS ONE RARELY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE A NEGOTIATING PARTNER CONSIDERED WHOLLY ACCEPTABLE; HE ASKED BZIMUNGU THAT THE RPF CONSIDER WHO IN THE GOR THEY COULD TALK WITH.

4. NTIBANTUNGANYA ADDED THAT HE STRESSED TO BZIMUNGU THAT AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION TO RWANDA WOULD HELP BURUNDI ALSO. BURUNDIANS, HE DECLARED, ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A HUMANITARIAN EFFORT IN RWANDA AS MUCH AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO DO SO.  
5. COMMENT: WHILE IN A/S SHATTUCK'S FIRST MEETING, PM KANYENKIKO (TUTSI) WAS TENTATIVE ABOUT ANY INTERNATIONAL MONITORING FORCE FOR A CEASEFIRE, NTIBANTUNGANYA (HUTU) FELT COMFORTABLE IN RELATING HIS FORTHRIGHT ADVICE TO THE RPF. EVEN THOUGH SOME IN THE RPF MIGHT CONSIDER THE SOURCE,

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NTIBANTUNGANYA'S STRONG STATEMENT IN CONCERT WITH  
VIEWS FROM OTHER REGIONAL PLAYERS, LIKE TANZANIA,  
COULD GIVE THE RPF REASON TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION  
ON ACCEPTANCE OF A MONITORING FORCE. END COMMENT.

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